

TV GUIDE

Sky One

- 5.10 Pokemon** (R) 2064817
5.35 Stargate: Infinity The team visit a planet inhabited by shape-shifters. (R,T) 9776633
6.00 Pokemon (R) 18035
6.30 Stargate: Infinity (R,T) 28072
7.00 Yu-Gi-Oh! (R) 62904
7.30 Zoids (R) 41411
8.00 The Dog Whisperer (R) 75343
8.30 Entertainment Tonight US Entertainment news. (R) 74614
9.00 Taste (R) 15633
10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine See 3.00pm for details. (R,T) 47695
11.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine See 9.00pm for details. (R,T) 67459
12.00 The Dog Whisperer 78430
12.30 Cruise With Stellas Life aboard easyCruiseOne. 84576
1.00 Taste With Beverly Turner. 99411
2.00 Law & Order (R) 10053
3.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Part one of two. Sisko launches an attack on the Dominion. (R,T) 17343
4.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Conclusion: The final battle is fought against the Dominion. Last in series, with Avery Brooks. (R,T) 96850
5.00 Star Trek: Voyager Part two of two. Janeway attempts to rescue Seven of Nine. (R,T) 1492
6.00 Futurama (R,T) 3576
6.30 Malcolm In The Middle Chaos ensues on a family trip to the zoo. Frankie Muniz stars. (R,T) 1508



GREATEST GOALS AGAINST MAN UTD: Including Gabriel Batistuta's screamer, 8pm

- 7.00 The Simpsons** When Maggie gets chickenpox the family hold a pox party. (R) 2121
7.30 The Simpsons Marge gets a job as an estate agent, but finds she is too honest to sell houses. (R,T) 3332
8.00 Greatest Goals Against Man Utd Part two of two. A compilation of the top 50 goals scored against Manchester United, including strikes by Nat Lofthouse and Gabriel Batistuta. 30782

- 10.00 The 4400** Tom and Diana investigate reports of a returnee spreading a lethal plague. A government official joins the 4400 centre and April uses Maia's psychic insight to win at gambling. (R) 59817

- 11.00 Scrubs** Elliot faces up to her fear of using clinical terms for patients' private parts. (R,T) 52409
11.30 Entertainment Tonight Amanda Byram presents a weekly round-up of celebrity gossip. 96782

- 12.30 Star Trek: Voyager** (R,T) 1516522 **1.25 Fear Factor** (R,T) 5649909 **2.15 Law & Order** (R) 2036638 **3.05 Alias** (R,T) 8375164 **3.55 Entertainment Tonight US** 22693386 **4.20-5.10 Gameville** (R) 1569522

ALAN FRANK'S TELLY MOVIES

STAR RATINGS

**** Don't miss it
 *** Good **Average
 *Time filler *Garbage!

THE TRUE STORY OF JESSE JAMES (1956) *** BBC2 1.30-3.00pm. Western. 'True' as in Hollywood-true. Starring Robert Wagner as the notorious gunslinger who joins forces with his brother Jeffrey Hunter to become outlaws in the post-Civil War American South. Co-starring Hope Lange and Alan Hale.

WITHOUT MALICE (TVM, 2000) *** Five 1.30-3.30pm. Thriller. A plastic surgeon on a hunting trip in Canada with his fiancée's jailbird brother has a bad time after they accidentally shoot a forest ranger, and the ex-con arouses suspicion. Co-starring Craig Sheffer, Corey Haim and Jennifer Beals.

GIDEON (1999) *** Five 3.30-5.30pm. Drama. Christopher Lambert, who is a grown man with the mind of a child, is sent to live in the nearest institution, which turns out to be an old people's home, after his aunt, who used to look after him, marries again. Also starring Charlton Heston.

NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE (2001) **** Five 9.00-10.40pm. Comedy. High school student Chris Evans has problems with a ruthless bully and a bitchy cheerleader when he takes a bet that he can transform an unattractive girl into a sexy prom queen. Also starring Chylér Leigh and Jaime Pressly.

VIRUS (1999) **** BBC1 11.35pm-1.10am. Science fiction shocker. The crew of a salvage tug board a deserted ship in mid-ocean, but face fear and death as they come up against out-of-control machinery infected by a virus from space. Co-starring Jamie Lee Curtis, Donald Sutherland, William Baldwin.

THE INSIDER (1999) **** ITV 11.35pm-2.15am. Fact-based drama. Whistleblower Russell Crowe tells current affairs TV producer Al Pacino about how American tobacco companies tried hard to conceal the facts about the addictive nature of nicotine from the public.

TRUE ROMANCE (1993) **** C4 11.35pm-1.45am. Violent thriller. Clerk Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette find themselves in possession of drugs worth a fortune. They decide to sell them, but vicious mobster Christopher Walken is out to stop them. Also starring James Gandolfini.

WHERE DANGER LIVES (1950) b/w **** BBC2 12.40-2.00am. Thriller. Doctor Robert Mitchum falls for a lovely patient who is not what she seems to be and ends up fleeing with her to Mexico after a row with her elderly husband leaves him dead. Co-starring Faith Domergue, Claude Rains and Maureen O'Sullivan.

ORGAZMO (1997) **** Five 1.05-2.35am. Comedy. Naïve Mormon actor Trey Parker agrees to star in a porn movie to make some money and further his career but makes the mistake of failing to tell his girlfriend with increasingly farcical results.

AUGUST SUN (2003) *** C4 1.45-3.45am. Subtitled Sri Lankan drama. Their appalling experiences in the Sri Lankan civil war deal blow after devastating blow to three unconnected families who are left trying to pick up their pieces of their shattered lives. With Nimmi Harasgama, Peter D'Almeida.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC1 Variations WALES: 6.30-7.00 Regional News 679
BBC2 Variations WALES: 7.00 Scurm V Live 658324 **9.30** Timewatch 620169 **10.20-10.30** Space: Flying Visits 301879
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S4C As Channel 4 except: **8.55** The Great Pretenders 56810237 **9.05** Yspgolion Followed by The Market 32727343 **12.30-1.00** Planted Plant Bach 72703140 **3.15** Countdown 11120904 **4.00-5.00** Planted Plant 80237324 **5.55** The Simpsons 87193188 **6.20** Uned 5 38713633 **7.15** Y Cwib Rygbi Rhyngwladol 86929623 **9.25** Newyddion 42987324 **9.35** Pobl Y Cwm 3829430 **10.00** Gwyll Cerdid Dant Gogledd Penfro - Talwrn Y Beirdd 8833275 **11.00** Rook School 80238053 **11.30** Peep Show 61004430 **12.00** The Osbournes 27596812 **12.30** Who Killed The Rolling Stone? 80018164 **1.35** Worlds Greatest Gigs 68621251 **2.45** Jimi Hendrix: The Road To Woodstock 88099473 **3.50** Freeports On 4 14889560 **4.15** Freeports On 4 30438299 **4.40** FIVB World Beach Volleyball 53546305 **5.35** Diwedd

MIKE WARD

WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH TODAY



HOW much do you trust the TV news? And would you trust it any more, or less, if the person in overall editorial control was Ms Dynamite? Sounds a stupid question, I know, but the fact is the former Mercury Prize winner really is in charge of **FIVE NEWS** at 7pm tonight, and will be for most of next week. It's part of a bold (he says, politely) experiment on the part of the channel's news executives, with three other prominent personalities also getting a week apiece, deciding which stories the bulletin will cover as well as commissioning their own reports on issues they

feel strongly about. Taking over next Friday will be Olympic heroine Dame Kelly Holmes, following which the nightly news bulletins will be put in the hands of ex-drug smuggler Howard Marks (presumably so as to give viewers like my dad some kind of seizure). Perched in the hotseat for the final seven days will be the PM's former press secretary, the not remotely manipulative Alastair Campbell. ELSEWHERE tonight, there's one final visit to Channel 4's **ROCK SCHOOL** (9.30pm). Against all the odds, Kiss star Gene Simmons managed to turn the private school kids from Christ's

Hospital into a fairly decent outfit in six weeks, as we saw last Friday when they performed in front 5,000 Motörhead fans.

So tonight, in an episode filmed six months after that gig, we find the band reforming for an emotional reunion at Simmons's L.A. home.

FINALLY, there's a shock development in tonight's **CORONATION STREET** (ITV1, 7.30pm) when we get through an entire episode without anybody leaving. Meanwhile, Gail's not sure if she should tell her family what she got up to with Foot-Rub Phil. As if it's not blindingly obvious.

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MATT BAYLIS



...ON LAST NIGHT'S TV

DISSATISFIED ladies of a certain age have always made good material for comedy.

In Butterflies at the end of the Seventies, Wendy Craig played a bored housewife who dreamt of a better life. In the Eighties, Ever Decreasing Circles went down a similar route. **SENSITIVE SKIN**, which began last night on (BBC2), is a 21st Century version of the vintage format. Joanna Lumley as Davina, a woman who's quietly rattling the bars of her comfortable, well-off cage.

But even if the idea has a long history, something about Sensitive Skin doesn't quite work. It's more of a bleak comedy drama than a sitcom.

Davina's husband Al (Denis Lawson) is a successful writer, and they live in the sort of

ghastly modern apartment that looks like an empty operating theatre. But whereas Lumley's last show, Absolutely Fabulous, made its characters into pantomime figures at whom we could laugh, you get the sense we're meant to sympathise with Al, Davina and their neurotic son Orlando. And that's hard to do. They're just not likeable.

Diary

It was much tougher to make a judgment about the Itzhaki family in **THE LAST STAND - THIS WORLD** (BBC2). When Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced his country's withdrawal from the Gaza strip, some Jewish settler groups refused to leave. Datya and Arik Itzhaki were among those

determined to cling on until they were dragged away by soldiers, and they recorded this pivotal moment in Middle East history with a video diary. Whatever you feel about the politics, there was something admirable about the way the Itzhakis organised a resistance campaign.

But there were ugly scenes as settlers tried to stone an Arab boy, and taunted their Palestinian neighbours by shouting 'Death to Arabs'. At the same time, we knew that Arabs had shot one settler family, including small children, at point blank range.

What seemed most senseless to outsiders was the land being fought for - a strip of barren sand. And that just added to the confusion about who's right and who's wrong.

FILMS

SKY MOVIES 1

6.45am Almost Salinas (2001) (PG) Acclaimed drama, starring John Mahoney. 46972256

8.40 Two Brothers (2004) (U) Family drama, starring Guy Pearce. 22576546
10.30 Best Man In Grass Creek (2001) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring John Hines. 72362

12.00noon Welcome To Mooseport (2004) (PG) Comedy, starring Gene Hackman. 22898

2.00 Almost Salinas (2001) (PG) Drama, starring John Mahoney. 31411
4.00 Two Brothers (2004) (U) Family drama, starring Guy Pearce. 4966

6.00 Welcome To Mooseport (2004) (PG) Comedy, starring Gene Hackman. 51275

8.00 To Die For (1995) (15) Black comedy, starring Nicole Kidman. 23492
10.00 Frida (2002) (15) Oscar-winning biopic, starring Salma Hayek. 30767633

12.05am Wrong Turn (2003) (18) Horror, starring Desmond Harrington. 3311676

1.35 The Junction Boys (2002) (12) Fact-based drama, starring Tom Berenger. 793560

3.10 Secretary (2002) (18) Controversial drama, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal. 513667

5.05 Best Man In Grass Creek

(2001) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring John Hines. 4768015

SKY MOVIES 2

7.30am A Light In The Forest (2002) (PG) Adventure. 44713701
9.20 Sounder (2003) (PG) Drama. 12497275

11.00 Cave In (2003) (PG) Thriller. 10403188

12.50pm The Lost Treasure Of Sawtooth Island (2000) (PG) Adventure. 99750256

2.40 A Light In The Forest (2002) (PG) Adventure. 77298985

4.25 Sounder (2003) (PG) Family drama, starring Carl Lumbly. 86574121
6.10 Cave In (2003) (PG) Thriller, starring Mimi Rogers. 25844188

8.00 Once Upon A Time In Mexico (2003) (15) Action thriller, starring Antonio Banderas. 25850

10.00 Agent Cody Banks (2003) (12) Spy caper, with Frankie Muniz. 226898

11.45 Stuck On You (2003) (12) Comedy, starring Matt Damon. 86020324

1.50am Timeline (2003) (12) Science Fiction. 363218
3.50 Bad Moon (1996) (18) 7290744

5.15 The Lost Treasure Of

Sawtooth Island (2000) (PG) Adventure. 22407473

SKY CINEMA 1

6.00am To Sir, With Love (1966) (PG) Drama. 5311879

8.00 Chaplin Today: The Circus 5437898

8.45 Heaven Can Wait (1943) (U) Fantasy. 8986966

10.45 The Front Page (1974) (PG) Comedy. 8999430

12.45pm The Lodger (1926) (PG) Thriller. 22101275

2.05 To Sir, With Love (1966) (PG) Drama. 6612350

4.00 Heaven Can Wait (1943) (U) Comedy, starring Don Ameche. 6081850

6.00 The Front Page (1974) (PG) Comedy, with Walter Matthau. 8628512

8.00 Avant! (1972) (12) Bizarre comedy, starring Jack Lemmon. 6225904

10.30 Thief (1981) (18) Crime drama, starring James Caan. 82193275

12.40am The Vault Of Horror (1973) (15) Horror. 25144541

2.10 Avant! (1972) (12) Comedy. 94058812

4.40 The Lodger (1926) (PG) Thriller. 80543218

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RADIO

Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz)

7.00 Moyles 10.00 Jo Whaley

12.45 Newsbeat 1.00 Colin & Edith 4.00 Scott Mills 6.00

Essential Selection 9.00

Westwood 11.00 Reggae

Dancehall Nite 1.00 Fabio & Grooverider 3.00 1Xtra

Presenters

Radio 2 (FM: 88-90.2 MHz)

6.00 Richard Allinson 7.30

Vogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00

Jeremy Vine 2.00 Steve

Wright 5.05 Stuart Maconie

7.00 Ball Over Broadway 7.30

Music Night 9.15 Chronicles

9.30 Listen To The Band 10.00

The Green Room 12.00 Bob

Harris 3.00 Janey Lee Grace

Radio 3 Live (MW: 909, 693

kHz) 5.00 Morning Reports

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Victoria

Derbyshire 12.00 News 1.00

Simon Mayo 4.00 Drive 7.00

Sport On Five 10.00 Brian

Hayes 1.00 Up All Night

Virgin Radio (MW: 1215,

1197, 1242 kHz) 6.00 Pete &

Geoff 10.00 Russ Williams

1.00 Neil Francis 4.00 Martin

Collins 6.00 Party Classics

10.00 Sarah Champion 1.00

The Edge 3.00 Robin Burke

SPORT

SKY SPORTS 1

7.30am Futbol Mundial 94527 8.00 Cricket Special

21099 8.30 ATP Tennis 97140 9.00 Racing News

88492 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style 20966 10.00 Futbol

Mundial 62430 10.30 The Rugby Club 92140

12.00noon European Tour Golf 144966 3.00

Futbol Mundial 6966 3.30 The Rugby Club 69527

5.00 FIFA Futbol Mundial 1411

5.30 Premier League Preview 9169

6.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 365527

6.55 U Can Do It 689053

7.00 Live International Football England

Under-21s v France Under-21s (Kick-off 7.30pm).

Coverage of the European Championship play-off

first-leg match at White Hart Lane. 11705169

9.45 Friday Fight Night Jeff Lacy v Scott

Pemberton. 984459

11.45 International Football 900091

1.15am Football League 921893 2.45 Fight Night

881096 4.45 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 5510299

5.40 U Can Do It 8020015 5.45 Sky Sports

Classics 3465251

6.00am Aerobics Oz Style 9416459 6.30

Adrenaline Hunters 4854508 7.00 Good Morning

Sports Fans 8328102 8.00 Race World 7978661

9.00 Adrenaline Hunters 1550169 9.30 Motor

Racing 3152445 10.00 Squash 5495527 11.00

Cricket Special 5408091 12.00noon FIFA Futbol

Mundial 1563633 12.30 Motor Racing 9552481

6.00am Aerobics Oz Style 9416459 6.30

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1699962 2.00 Premier League Snooker 8502430

3.00 ICC Cricket World 2905492

6.00 World Sport 2935633

6.30 Tight Lines 5366576

7.30 Live Rugby Union Newcastle Falcons v

London Irish (Kick-off 7.45pm) 3014324

10.00 Poker The Victor Chandler Cup. 7945275

11.00 Endzone American football. 5496256

12.00midnight Rugby Union 8071657 1.30 Poker

9464454 2.30 Tight Lines 5366576 3.00 ICC

Cricket World 2248386 4.00 Live Test Cricket:

Pakistan v England. 2258763

SKY SPORTS 3

7.00am Premier League Snooker 81075362 10.30

ATP Tennis 98153614 11.00 Racing News

23686492 11.30 Aerobics Oz Style 23687121

12.00noon Transworld Sport 58065121 1.00 Race

World 58081169 2.00 Adrenaline Hunters 46249527

2.30 NBA Action 63603817 3.00 Transworld Sport

23698237

4.00 Moto Plus 63694169

4.30 European Tour Golf 85399343

7.30 Live Ten Pin Bowling The Weber Cup.

From the Metrodome in Barnsley. 18047817

10.30 WWE: Late Night - Smackdown

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12.30am WWE: Late Night - Bottom Line

72320299 1.30 ATP Tennis 40732454 2.00 Sailing

60944251 2.30 Rugby Union 88115299 4.00 Live

European Tour Golf 60964015



By Kettle & Christine

ITV2

9.25am 60 Minute Makeover

10.20 Sally Jessy Raphael 11.10

Judge Judy 12.25pm The Jeremy

Kyle Show 1.30 Airline USA 2.00

Coronation Street 3.50 Emmerdale

3.00 Ricki Lake 3.50 Trisha 4.55

Sally Jessy Raphael 5.40 Judge

Judy 6.30 ITV At The Movies 7.00

The Making Of In Her Shoes 7.30

The Xtra Factor: 24/7 8.30 The

Xtra Factor: Xcess All Areas 9.30

Unlikely Lovers 10.30 The Frank

Skinner Show 11.30 Coronation

Street 12.00midnight The Xtra

Factor: Best And Worst Auditions

1.00 Ricki Lake 1.50 The Making

Of In Her Shoes 2.10 Teleshopping

5.10 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

6.00am Survival 8.10 Quincy

9.10 Chicago Hope 10.00 LA Law

11.00 The Practice 11.55 Quincy

12.55pm Chicago Hope 1.45 LA

Law 2.45 Peak Practice 3.50

Wycliffe 4.55 The Practice 5.50

Film File 6.00 LA Law 7.00 Heat

Of The Sun 9.00 Film: American

Graffiti (1973) (PG) 11.10 Hammer

House Of Horror 12.15am Chiller

1.25 Big Game TV

BBC THREE

7.00pm News 7.30 Trauma 8.00

Who Rules The Roost? 9.00

Funland 10.00 EastEnders 10.35

The Comic Side Of 7 Days 11.05

Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet

Of Crisps 12.05am MP's Out-

Waffle 12.30 Funland 1.00 Who

Rules The Roost? 2.00 Two Pints

Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps

TAKE IT HOME

Win the war to finish all wars



WAR of the Worlds is one of the top five films of 2005 - and it's out for you to own on Monday.

Hollywood hunk Tom Cruise, 42, plays Ray Ferrier, a father who fights to save his family from a deadly alien invasion. And as if that's not enough, the Mission Impossible star also gets caught up in a battle to preserve the future of humankind.

by LINDA HARRISON

The £80 million blockbuster is a reworking of the HG Wells sci-fi classic of the same name. And if you missed it on the big screen, you can catch it in all its glory on this double disc DVD.

Homage

There's tons of unseen footage, including exclusive interviews with director Steven Spielberg and Cruise revealing what goes on behind the camera.

Fans can learn about the cutting-edge creation of the virtual army of Tripods, a homage to the enduring legacy of the original novel.

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HERE COMES TROUBLE: Tom Cruise with the brilliant Dakota Fanning in War of the Worlds



ALAN FRANK'S DVD VIEW

TOP TIP WAR OF THE WORLDS (12) (Paramount DVD/VHS)

NOTHING mars this spectacular, state-of-the-art version of HG Wells's classic Martian invaders novel.

But nobody has time to mention "Martians" when huge, unstoppable, three-legged, alien war machines emerge from under the ground and wage war on mankind with lethal killer rays.

Divorced dockworker Tom Cruise flees the aliens with his surly teenage son Justin Chatwin (who rightly calls his father 'an asshole') and young daughter Dakota Fanning. Cruise then changes from dead-beat dad to super-protective hero.

Director Steven Spielberg comes back in ace storytelling form with dazzling set pieces calculated to scare you shitless, specially when Cruise and Fanning hole up with weirdo Tim Robbins in his farmhouse cellar.

Crazed gun-wielding Robbins is bad enough but things become even scarier when a huge extra-terrestrial tentacle slithers through the basement seeking its human prey in a near-silent sequence that will play your nerves raw.

Spielberg stages superb sequences of people panicking as the lethal tripods stomp the countryside dealing out death. He deploys brilliant special effects to capsize a ferry, Pearl Harbor-style, and set up a haunting air crash aftermath.

Eleven-year-old Fanning gives a truly exceptional performance, wiping the screen with Cruise, just as she did to Robert De Niro in Hide and Seek, while

designer stubbled Cruise gets his shirt off early on to show his fans what he's made of.

It's also a triumph for Spielberg - his best film since Jurassic Park.

Miss this masterly movie at your peril but be prepared to be terrorised by the tripods.

VERDICT: 9/10

BEST OF THE REST THE STUD / THE BITCH (18) (Optimum)

ONCE upon a time best-selling novelist Jackie Collins scripted her sister's bawdy box-office hit The Stud.

It brought Joan back to the big screen as a sexy disco owner having a torrid affair with would-be owner Oliver Tobias.

Sophistication isn't exactly the name of a saucy show that still generates erotic heat when the pair start swinging in Swinging London without ever making their sexy hot-potch convincing.

The two Collinses were back in business a year later when Joan steamed ahead in fashionable

clubs and limos doing what she did best - delivering a delectable, larger-than-life performance that lived up to the title, The Bitch.

VERDICT: 7/10

FAMILY CHOICE CAPRICORN ONE (15) (Network DVD)

IN a week when Tom takes on the Martians, this exciting thriller, about three astronauts forced to fake a Mars landing when the first space mission to our neighbouring planet malfunctions, hits hard.

The astronauts are stuck in a hanger in the desert and their families threatened to make them go along with the scam, but they escape while investigative reporter Elliott Gould hunts for them.

Director Peter Hyams racks up the suspense, James Brolin does the business as team leader and Telly Savalas is sterling support.

VERDICT: 7/10

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VERDICT: 8/10



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Just Jane



**JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES
YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY
... AND EVERY DAY**

**My girl
is just
so vile**

I HAVE two daughters. One is a 17-year-old who I worship, and the other is a 26-year-old who I can't abide. I'm having a fancy dress party next month for my youngest's coming of age.

For once, I just want my eldest girl to come along with her family, be nice and take part. But she's already making excuses about not being able to find a babysitter.

The problem is that she and her husband are snobs. They don't think we're good enough for them. They disapprove of my youngest girl's two kids and call her a chav and a slapper. I've paid out a fortune for this party, but once again, my eldest is making things difficult for the rest of us.

JANE SAYS: Why do you want your eldest daughter at the party if all she's going to do is sit there with her nose in the air?

Isn't that going to wind people up and make them feel very uncomfortable?

I understand that your eldest girl is family. But if she's moved so far away from the rest of you that you barely know her, perhaps you should just let her be and get on with your own lives.

You've already made it clear that she's invited to the party.

Now it's up to her whether she and her family attend or not.

If she doesn't, then so be it. You can't let that get in the way of your youngest daughter's special night.

SUCKER FOR PHONE PORN

**HIS NUMBER
IS UP:** Porn
downloads and
calls to other
women are
driving us apart



**AM I the only person
who always ends up
with the wrong guy?**

I married my second husband last June, but already things have started to go pear-shaped.

At first, he was loving and complimentary about the way I looked, and I thought we could make things work, despite our seven-year age gap.

But lately, things have taken a very nasty turn.

I reckon we've had sex only 15 times since we got married. This is extremely frus-

trating because I have heard him calling out another girl's name in his sleep.

He's also been calling other women behind my back, although he always claims he's only returning their calls. But I'm not an idiot. I've seen his phone bills, despite his best efforts to hide them, and I can see who he's been in touch with.

Sadly, he's also been downloading porn onto his phone.

Don't get me wrong. I still love him and want things to work out between us. But I can't take being lied to any more. I know he works long

hours and is under a lot of pressure, but so am I.

I go out of my way to be the best wife I can, but I can't abide being treated like a fool.

JANE SAYS: It's clear you're not yet ready to give up on this marriage. But ask yourself this: Where is it going?

In five months, you've gone from lovers to fighters. You're having very little sex, your husband is chatting to an army of other women and he's shouting out their names in his sleep!

You can't trust a single

word he says and to top it all, he's accessing porn on his phone. Nice.

Already he's using his job as an excuse for not being at home and is basically walking all over you.

Is this any way to start a marriage? Is this any way to treat the woman you love? I think not.

Your husband has got to prove to you that he's willing to turn over a new leaf if this relationship is to survive. Tell him how disappointed you are and suggest a visit to Relate (0845 456 1310) together.

**WRITE
TO
REPLY**



I RECENTLY received this letter from a reader. She wanted to know what she should do.

MY sister thinks nothing of walking into my house and helping herself to my clothes, my food and any money she finds lying around.

I often come home and find IOUs or notes promising to bring my clothes back when she's finished with them. It's really beginning to drive me nuts.

The other night, I opened the fridge only to find she'd helped herself to my tea - a lasagne and a bottle of wine.

I'm not saying she's a thief because she always pays me back. But we're both adults and I think she should get her life in order. What does everyone else think?

**LUCY BENNETT,
London.**

HERE are some of your answers...

MY youngest brother used to be the same. He'd think nothing of waltzing into my flat and helping himself to anything that caught his eye. I felt I couldn't say anything because he was family. Finally, he overstepped the mark by eating a massive cake I'd made for a surprise party. I went absolutely crazy and scared the life out of him. Now he knows to treat me - and my stuff - with respect.

**LUCY BENNETT,
London.**

I USED to have the same problem with my husband's parents. They had their own key and would treat my home as their own. Finally, I got my own back by feeding them some food which was well past its sell-by date. My mother-in-law was very sick and vowed never to set foot in my "filthy" kitchen again. Suits me!

NAME WITHHELD

I'VE never liked the idea of issuing loads of front-door keys because it just invites trouble, so we keep it simple. I have one key, my husband has another, and that's it. Your reader should insist on having her spare key back and entrusting it to a mature adult instead.

**Mrs D JAMES,
Kent.**

NOW for this week's letter. What should this reader do? Write to the address at the bottom of the page. Your letters will be published in TWO weeks.

MY fella does little around the house. He can't set the heating, use the washing machine or work the microwave. Nor has he ever paid the milkman, ordered food online or taken the dog to the vet. When I try to teach him the basics, he accuses me of trying to domesticate him. But I'm sick of coming home from the office and doing all the chores, for very little thanks.

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Fantastic Sex

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BULLY FELLA'S SCARY

A COUPLE of weeks ago a very good mate of mine accused my boyfriend of hitting her.

She claimed he walked into her room after a party and slapped her around.

I told her that she must have been drunk and dreamt it.

And I insisted she was very wicked for suggesting such a thing.

In fact, I came on so strong that she apologised for mentioning it.

Now I just feel terrible, because my boyfriend is a bully and a thug.

He is violent and very dangerous.

Not only does he hit me, but he regularly has fights with strangers.

The problem is, I'm too frightened to speak out.

JANE SAYS: You're doing yourself no favours at all by protecting this thug.

Too many women in this country are killed by their partners, either past or present.

Unless your boyfriend is stopped, you could end up as another statistic.

It's your duty to persuade your friend to report her assault to the police.

Talk to her and admit that you were wrong.

Then call the National Domestic Violence Helpline (0800 2000 247) regarding your own situation and seek support.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO FALL IN LOVE

Day five

1 JAKE DECIDES NOT TO MOPE AROUND



2 AT THE PUB



3 JAKE MAKES HIS WAY OVER



4 LATER JAKE AND THE GIRL ARE LEAVING WHEN...



CONTINUES TOMORROW

Justin Toper

The **DAILY STAR** -gazer who knows your future

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Even those who have been cool towards you lately won't reject you any longer. In fact, one relationship may become more physical.



Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU may have been involved in a bit of emotional turmoil. And things seem to have turned nasty. However, others will be gushing rather than criticising for a change – and generous to boot. Most likely, what occurs between now and the weekend will provide you with some respite. To see why only good can come out of all this, call...

To receive daily texts
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0905 072 0099 (01) *



Taurus

(Apr 21-May 21)

YOU may have tried to put pressure on certain people and ended up with a bruised ego. Now you may not wish to help out too much. However, because of a link between Venus your ruler and Uranus on Saturday, your experiences will be varied and interesting. To see why someone is worth confronting, call...

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0905 072 0099 (02) *



Gemini

(May 22-June 22)

YOU may have felt paralysed or tied up in knots. And no doubt recent events created a few problems. But you haven't been able to speak up for yourself. You will probably like the sound of what you hear this weekend. It will be exactly what you've been waiting for. To see why everything is about to work out, call...

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0905 072 0099 (03) *



Cancer

(June 23-July 23)

TRUE others may seem envious, which is why you mustn't mix business and pleasure. The trouble is, you may be hopelessly in love, which is why you feel this emptiness. However, you have a chance to escape this weekend. And your heart will be in the right place – wherever that is. To find out how you will be saved from disaster, call...

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0905 072 0099 (04) *



Leo

(July 24-Aug 23)

THIS hasn't been the easiest or the jolliest time. Believe it or not, you are now entering a passionate phase. By rights, you should find that you and another person have a common cause. At any rate what occurs this weekend won't sap your energy or confidence – it should boost it. To see why you should be enjoying the good life, call...

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0905 072 0099 (05) *



Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

CURRENT aspects are making it difficult for you to plan ahead. In fact you cannot even control your schedule. Maybe you feel it necessary to cut yourself off. In any case, a visit should fill a void this weekend and you can do with an emotionally uplifting experience. To see why personal freedom is yours, call...

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0905 072 0099 (06) *



Libra

(Sep 24-Oct 23)

IN some ways you may have scared off any potential suitors or investors by asking for too much. Not only that, but somebody delivered an emotional sucker punch. However, don't be surprised if others give in to your weaknesses and indulgences this weekend. To see why you should appreciate home more, call...

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0905 072 0099 (07) *



Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU may marvel at what is revealed. In fact, you might also decide to take part in plans which others have tried to talk you out of. A lovely link between Venus and Uranus suggests that if you have been searching for love, what you experience this weekend is quite a demonstration. To see why the planets will increase activity, call...

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send DSSCO to 63333

0905 072 0099 (08) *



Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU probably can't wait to call it a day and rush home – unless you are waylaid. Truth to tell, all sorts of things could happen that usually don't. But you should feel happier in your setting and when discussing personal matters. You can certainly afford to push the boat out. To see why you could be offered the earth, call...

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send DSSAG to 63333

0905 072 0099 (09) *



Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

RECENT developments have had a major impact – both emotionally and physically. But it's how you communicate now that matters. There should be a lot of socialising this weekend – and a discussion will take place which stuns you into silence. To see why this should be a memorable time of the year, call...

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send DSCAP to 63333

0905 072 0099 (10) *



Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU have tried to make yourself heard. But there is a sense of vagueness, or that others thought you were talking broadly. They don't know your concerns. What materialises nearer the weekend is not something you asked for, but it's an offer of the most intimate kind. To see why fortune smiles on you, call...

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send DSAQU to 63333

0905 072 0099 (11) *



Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

AFTER some depressing scenes, you may be inclined to withdraw from the world. It is hard to imagine that you will be out enjoying yourself. Strangely enough, you may feel socially awkward. Not as awkward as some people. There could be some revelations about a friend this weekend. To see why the object of your attention is within reach, call...

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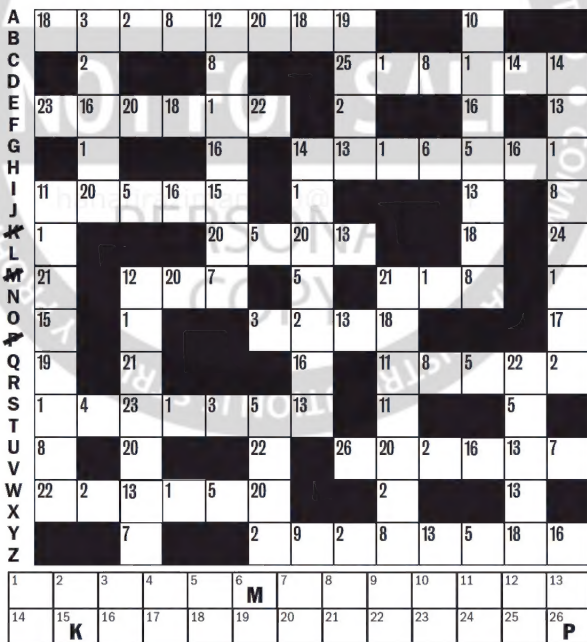
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Across: Ration, Zodiac, Diagram, Floor, Cute, Quart, Vicar, Jive, Lunch, Caustic, Climax, Anorak. Down: Product, Black, Stealth, Anvil (clue), Worry, Highway, Ambulance, Bonfire, Funny, Divot, Distort, Scarf, Teacake.

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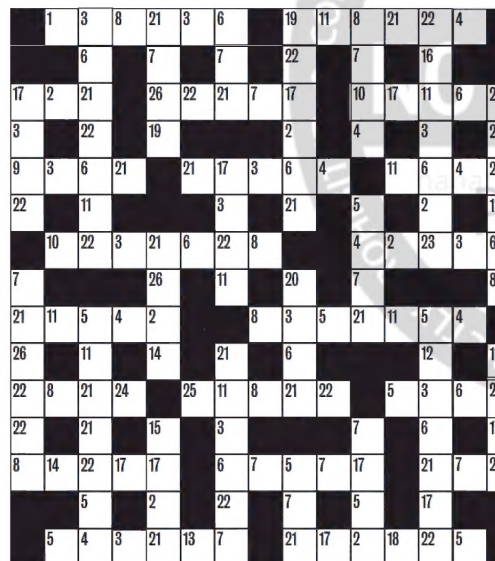
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Last Friday's solution

Across: Hungry, Napalm, Atomic, Hey, Figs, Apply, Swap, Atop, Fox, Requiem, Fix, Alto, Bark, Scamp, Drop, Dim, Hourly, Annual, Jackal.

Down: Shot, Prowl, Roam, Animal, Coupon, Bract, Verb, Drag, Thaw, Romp, Lazy, Poet, Shoal, Affray, Chukka, Smog, Opium, Lilt.

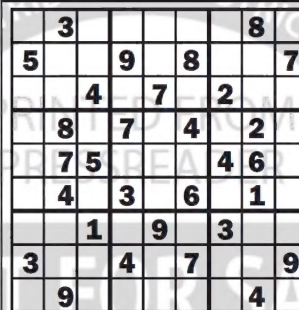
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SUDOKU



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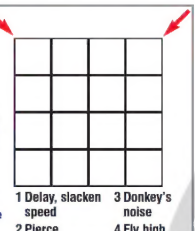
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

6	5	8	4	7	9	1	3	2
3	7	2	1	8	6	5	4	9
4	1	9	3	5	2	6	7	8
1	3	7	9	6	8	2	5	4
8	9	4	5	2	3	7	1	6
5	2	6	7	4	1	9	8	3
7	6	1	8	9	4	3	2	5
9	8	5	2	3	7	4	6	1
2	4	3	6	1	5	8	9	7

Extra clues: 0905 072 0302 Today's solution: 0905 072 0301

Four play

Fit the answers to the clues into the grid, so that there are two more words reading down the diagonals. Place these two words together to produce a famous film.



1 Delay, slacken speed
2 Pierce
3 Donkey's noise
4 Fly high

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

TO THE FORE
The missing item is: PAR.

MORE PUZZLES IN TOMORROW'S

Two-way Teaser

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Income enquiry intends to tax people (5,4)
- Girl, for example, upset by common saying (5)
- Rub on mixture for boxer (5)
- Forecast of events once air's polluted (8)
- In sports there's a lot of talk about me (5)
- Sort of pill you need for a talk (3)
- In getting strong and healthy, breath in! (6)
- English in a crowd, a changing organisation (6)
- Slip, run or road (3)
- It's spread over player with no hat (5)
- Fertiliser enjoyed by hungry dog? (4,4)
- Barrel, maybe, with sound of pipes? (5)
- Am exhausted by parking – told to go round (5)

- Do this as well as possible when you're flat out? (5,4)

DOWN

- Animal down under has a slump with air that's bad (9)
- Pointed end of a lighter (5)
- Award for me and boy when sent up (5)
- I've cad to reform with words of wisdom (6)
- Bullfighter ripped road to pieces (8)
- Ability to feel may be common (5)
- Steadiness of saint with skill (9)
- Tear fabric with speed (8)
- Bit of shape we give a seat (3)

- Give money to one in extremes of penury (3)
- Stir up love in a trick (6)
- Consent to a lot of greed (5)
- Animal as when included in wager (5)
- Not so many take head of fraud to jug (5)

QUICK CLUES

- Check on person's financial resources (5,4)
- Proverb (5)
- Frank, the English boxer (5)
- Summary of plot (8)
- Contests with rules (5)
- Livelihood (3)
- Breathe in (6)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ACROSS – 1 Hibernian, 7 Niche, 9 Interest, 11 Rusts, 12 Straits, 14 Haze, 15 Ass, 17 Tie, 18 Talc, 20 Nearest, 23 Alias, 24 Suspense, 26 Title, 27 Sugar lump. DOWN – 2 Idiot, 3 Extra, 4 Axe, 5 Entreat, 6 Newsagent, 8 Cassette, 10 Rita, 12 Stag party, 13 Restrict, 16 Glasses, 19 Reap, 21 Renal, 22 Steam, 25 Sag.

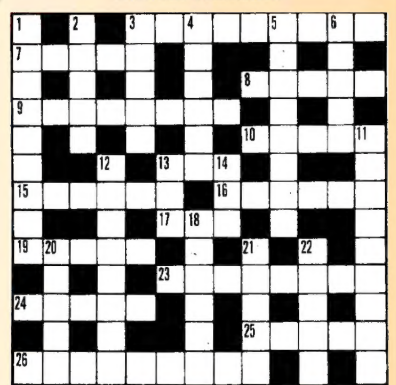
- Simple organism (6)
- Route (3)
- 19A stratum (5)
- Organic fertilizer (4,4)
- Large instrument with stops (5)
- Exhausted (5)
- One's utmost effort (5,4)

DOWN

- Mammal with pouch for young (9)
- Grow narrower towards one end (5)
- An honour or award (5)
- Counsel (6)
- Bullfighter (8)
- Ability to perceive (5)
- Constasy (9)
- Cut or tear irregularly (8)
- Seat in church (3)
- Settle a bill (3)
- Excite (6)
- Consent (5)
- Animal (5)
- Not as many (5)

Two sets of clues, but the answers are the same

ANSWERS TOMORROW



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FIGHTIN' TALK

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UPROAR:
Legends
Mick Foley
and, inset,
D Lo Brown

Picture:
TIM MERRY

WIN 'EM ALL FIGHTIN' TALK PRIZE FST



WWE is back for the Survivor Series Tour next week and we thought we'd celebrate with the best ever WWE competition in FT history.

Matters kick off on November 15 and culminate in the broadcast of RAW and SmackDown in Sheffield on November 21/22.

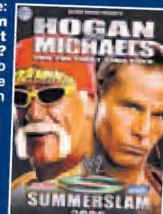
FT has teamed up with WWE to offer three pairs of tickets to Raw or three pairs to Smackdown for the six who can tell me: **Who is William Regal's current tag team partner?**

For runners-up prizes we have three DVD packages from

silvershadow.co.uk (Tombstone, the Bash, Summerslam and Jake the Snake Roberts' Pick Your Poison), three copies each of the Divas Uncovered and Heartbreak & Triumph: The Shawn Michaels Story, titles from WWE Books, OFFICIAL WWE merchandise from Euroshop (Rey, Cena and Batista T-shirts) and toys in the shape of Face Flipping Fighters and Real Sound Arenas from our friends at Vivid Imaginations.

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Names and addresses are vital so don't forget. Usual Daily Star terms and conditions apply.



Taking the Mick!

FOLEY SAYS HE WON'T BE OVERSHADOWED

IT'S been a long time in coming but Universal Uproar is upon us.

This is a chance to see true greats of the global game in action on these worthy shores. FT will be hauling ass to Coventry and we hope to see you there.

Hardcore legend Mick Foley is in the country and ready to settle some scores tomorrow night. He's only wrestled five matches in five years, and you're about to see the sixth!

Hardcore

He's delighted to be back in the UK. But which incarnation of Foley are we going to see?

"They only let me take one bag on the plane so I think you're going to get Mick Foley!" he says with a laugh. "We have a whole host of wild men in there. My first job is to make sure I don't get overshadowed. Alex Shane fancies himself as a hardcore legend.

He tried to ruin my night last time. I saw him in a great match against Raven. We'll see how he stands up against the real thing."

How was his recent WWE return at Taboo Tuesday against Carlito? Did it live up to all his expectations?

"I'm not sure it's going to make Part Two of my greatest hits DVD! It was OK, but it wasn't an embarrassment either," he says. "I have made a vow that the next time I show up for a match it will not be in the same physical condition."

No one should underestimate Foley's drawing power. WWE haven't. This is the last chance you'll get to see him outside a WWE ring for the foreseeable future.

He tells me: "Yeah this is my last tour without WWE, and I have two more shows in the States. I

wanted to make sure I fulfilled my commitments and I agreed to come here five months ago. It will be nice to be under the WWE umbrella, but I will miss calling my own shots and ending up wherever I feel like."

Is WWE a happy boat at present? "When I go back I'm only there for a few days at a time and it seems happy. I hear rumours but it seems good to me."

There's no general malaise over the departure of people like Christian then? Foley doesn't seem to think so. "Christian has a lot of talent and probably was frustrated when he didn't get the push many people thought he deserved. A year from now he'll be back and better than ever."

Saturday night could be the first step on the road to Mania then. D Lo Brown is also chafing at the

bit. Brown, a veteran of WWE and New Japan, amongst others, is set to face off with Joe Legend in a Celebrity Wrestling face off.

Brown says: "I wish the show had got a second run, but there are people in hell who wish they had ice water! I'm happy I was a part of it."

D Lo plies his trade largely in New Japan, where Brock has just become champion, before settling his lawsuit with WWE.

Spark

"New Japan's product has fallen over the last two years," says Brown. "Brock could revitalise it. He has all the tools."

FT reckons the Legend and Joe match could be a classic. D Lo agrees: "We have 25 years experience between us on five continents, over 8,000 matches. We're going to go at each other 100%."

FT can't wait. We'll have a lot more from Mick and D Lo next week. Saturday night SKYDOME in COVENTRY. Get Down There!

1PW have announced Bret Hart will be in attendance at their No Turning Back weekend on the January 6 and 7.

• Congratulations to lucky winners Lloyd Morris, Clare Moloney and Ian Moore, who will be joining FT at Uproar in Coventry.



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HOT GOSSIP

TADPOLE Technology was steady at 3.75p amid speculation of shareholder activism following a boardroom split. Director Steig Westerberg has already requisitioned an EGM to remove David Lee as chairman. But there is said to be a groundswell of support for Lee among investors.

Rises cause Power surge

PRICE hikes for gas and electricity customers have helped **Scottish Power** to a 45% increase in first-half operating profits to £145 million. Profit from supplying its 5.2 million customers in England and Scotland directly boomed nine-fold to £90m in the six months to the end of

September, following price rises last year. Last month, Scottish Power, which is a takeover target for German energy giant **E.ON**, put up charges again, 12% for gas and up to 6% for electricity. The company enjoyed a second profit windfall thanks to the regulator allowing it to

hike distribution charges for its own customers and those of rivals over the next five years. Its distribution network profits expanded 25% to £243m. Chief executive Ian Russell said some profit growth came from building more gas power stations and a 10% increase in household customers.

FAIR SHARES

THE slide in crude prices – down over \$1 a barrel to \$57.70 – put the skids under oil companies **BP** and **Shell**. The FTSE 100 lost 16.3 points to 5423.5 despite bid speculation surrounding **Cable & Wireless** and a new potential blue chip takeover target, drinks can maker **Rexam**.

Movers & groovers

AIR Miles founder Keith Mills, who led the successful 2012 Olympics bid, has won the equivalent of a gold medal at the London Business Awards 2005. He was named Business Leader of the Year at a ceremony in the capital. London Chamber of Commerce chief Colin Stanbridge said: "The granting of the 2012 Olympics is not just a great sporting opportunity for London and the whole of the country, it is a huge business opportunity." Previous winners were **Karan Billimoria** of **Cobra Beer** and **Martha Lane Fox** of **lastminute.com**.

WANNABE entrepreneurs are looking forward to Enterprise Week, starting on Monday. Many of the events involve youngsters and range from car washing sessions at Smithills School, Bolton, to a Christmas sale at Salesian School, Chertsey, Surrey. Among the more unusual is an Alfred Hitchcock tour in London, featuring visits to locations of films including *Frenzy* and *The Man Who Knew Too Much*.

IINSURANCE barrister Richard Astor is to play piano for a charity event. He will lead a "Mozartathon" at London's St John's Hall on November 26. **FORMER** head of **Mercury Asset Management**, Peter Stormonth Darling, 73, has been made a part-time director at Lloyd's insurer **Advent**.

THE DEALER

BT profits hit by defectors

by **BILL MARTIN**
BT disappointed investors yesterday with a huge dive in profits.

The quarterly results were 14% down after being hit by customer defections and cheaper broadband phone rates.

In the three months to the end of September BT lost 432,000 line rental customers to rivals such as the **Post Office** and **Caudwell's Homecall**.

Among those customers remaining, cheaper calls meant annual revenue per household fell again quarter on quarter by £1 to £253, a £9 fall from a year ago.

Value

BT's market share of landline consumer voice calls has now fallen by 1.6% to 59%.

And growth in BT's much vaunted new-wave income from mobile phones and broadband connections slowed, leaving second quarter profits £82 million lower at £489m.

Chief executive Ben Verwaayen promised: "As we start adding value added services, you will see margins improve."

But analysts said competition will step up next year with **BSkyB**, **Carphone Warehouse** and **France Telecom's Wanadoo** installing their own equipment in 1,000 BT exchanges.

BT shares were the biggest blue chip fallers, losing 6.5p to 209p.

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DEPARTMENT store group **Debenhams** reported a record £2 billion sales yesterday.

Chief executive Rob Templeman said the retailer, taken private nearly two years ago, had "no definitive plans" for a market return. But he would not rule out a float happening next year.

The sales figure was helped by the success of its designer ranges.

The Designers at Debenhams ranges, including collections from **Betty Jackson**, **Jasper Conran** and **Nigel Cabourn**, were the star performers

behind a 10% increase in the company's full year sales.

Templeman said: "We're bringing catwalk fashions to the high street at far more affordable prices."

Debenhams is winning customers from rivals and has increased its slice of the department store market to 18.6%.

The chief exec added: "The High Street has always been about winners and losers. "If you have got the right product at the right value then you will get sales."

The group's pre-tax profits rose 123% to £238.6 million.

Punch hit it big

A SPENDING spree allowed Britain's second-biggest pub group **Punch Taverns** to hinge on profits for the year to August, it emerged yesterday.

The addition of 986 pubs during the year to take Punch's total estate to 8,227 had helped to boost pre-tax profits from £133.3 million to £184m.

And chief executive Giles Thorley said Punch was on the hunt for further "innovative" acquisitions.

The company is looking at picking up the 1,832-strong privately-owned **Spirit** estate, although Thorley refused to confirm the move.



BEST-SELLER: Sexy Caprice models lingerie from the store group's Autumn Winter 2005 range. Picture: VISMEDIA

FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▼ Down 16.30 point (-0.30%) at 5423.50

Company	Price	Change	High	Low	1470	Company	Price	Change	High	Low	1470	Company	Price	Change	High	Low	1470
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A.B. Food.	803	-5	863	712	1062	Compass Group	201	-7	264	175	7663	Legal&Gen.	111v	+1	119	102	1036
Alliance & Life	965p	+4	947	814	2233	Daily Mail	640	-7	764	617	3973	Lib-Int	973	+10	1025	861	7549
Alliance Unichm.	775p	+5	875	670	6022	Diageo	852	-1	861	721	1029	Lloyds Tsb Grp.	453	-1	509	415	6305
AMVESCO	386p	+3	432	299	1124	DSE Int.	147	+1	169	138	1020	Man Group	1690	+43	1711	1162	7896
Anglo	1729	+3	1740	1130	4949	Ent Inns	830	+5	872	610	4713	Marke & Sp.	440v	-2	446	319	1039
Antofagasta	1519	+6	1580	1052	3438	Exel	1209	+3	1235	711	1366	Morrison (Wm)	169v	+2	234	161	1253
Astrazeneca	2541	-28	2767	1861	1585	Friends Prov.	167v	+3	189	136	7753	National Grid	527v	+3	627	461	4443
Aviva	684v	+11	691	571	3388	Gallagher Grp.	898v	+3	907	701	2222	Next	1360	-	1605	1268	1254
BAA	624v	-4	638	514	3789	GlaxoSmithKline	1532v	+8	1540	1101	1024	Old Mutual	136v	+1	144	115	2782
BAC Sys.	332v	+1	344	224	1010	GIS	877v	+7	989	821	1237	Ork	804	-3	835	705	3555
Barclays	586	+6	614	519	1094	Hammerston	965	+4	975	757	2260	Party Gaming	91v	+1	176	71	8400
BBG Grp.	520v	-5	540	344	2274	Hanson	596	+4	609	409	1030	Pearson	650	-2	694	602	1374
BHP Bill	825v	-10	916	564	2423	HBOs	883	+10	912	732	3353	Prudential	507	-5	542	414	7481
BDO Grp.	1125	+9	1173	894	1008	Hilton Group	352v	+1	354	257	1942	Rackit Becker	1764	-1	1834	1513	1046
Boots Group	610	-3	626	553	1009	HSBC Hldgs.	914v	+1	953	825	5562	Reed Elsevier	359v	-5	553	461	1036
BP	814v	-13	883	590	1011	Imp. Chem.	311v	+5	313	224	1032	Rentokil Int'l	156	-5	173	139	7779
Bp	735v	-3	742	438	1094	Imp. Tobacco Grp.	688	+19	1698	1316	1271	Rolls-Royce	375v	-1	426	351	1047
BR Airways	316v	+1	319	215	6258	Intercen. Hotel	768v	+10	780	612	3729	Royal Bank Scot.	1634	+4	1853	1522	3219
Br-AmesTob	1310	+20	1318	852	1003	Imp. Power	239v	+4	252	150	6025	Royal&Sun All.	116v	+1	106	73	7482
Br-Land	965	+12	972	776	1128	ITV	107v	+4	1204	915	1280	Sainsbury(J)	251v	-7	302	257	1050
BSkyB	490v	-5	596	492	3362	Johnson,Matth.	1201	+4	1204	915	1280	Schroders	898	+1	947	672	1415
BT Group	208	-6	235	150	1012	Kelda Grp.	718	+7	725	526	4018	Scot.&Sth.Engng	995	+18	1040	790	6027
Cable & Wire	124v	+2	164	101	1015	Kingfisher	218v	-1	216	201	5388	Scot.&Newcastle	475v	-5	492	416	1421
Cadbury-Sch.	569v	+4	594	450	1016	Land Secs.	1468	+4	1490	1201	1035	Scot. Power	577v	-1	587	386	6028
Cann Energy	1850	+90	2180	1042	9643	Legal&Gen.	111v	+1	119	102	1036	Seven Trent	988	+11	1058	872	4015
Capita Group	385	+1	396	245	2323	Lib-Int	973	+10	1025	861	7549	Shire Pharmd.	703	-3	715	519	5200
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BOOMING BPB KEEP BID AT BAY

BPB, the world's biggest plasterboard manufacturer, reported a sharp rise in pre-tax profits yesterday.

But it plans to start talks with its French predator if a "compelling offer" is made.

Saint-Gobain has seven more days to increase its \$3.6 billion hostile bid for the UK group.

BPB chief executive Richard Cousins pointed out Saint-Gobain's 720p offer was pitched at a 15% discount to a recent comparable takeover in the industry, implying the French materials group

would need to offer an additional £550 million to match this – 832p a share.

"If a revised offer was made at a level the board was interested in there would be discussions," said chairman Sir Ian Gibson.

BPB has promised to return nearly £600m to shareholders if they reject a hostile bid.

But Saint-Gobain has countered that this would leave BPB heavily indebted and affect its ability to grow.

First half pre-tax profits rose to £160.6m from £145m.

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NOBBY'S KNOWS:

OUR crunchy quest for the world's finest facts is really firing as Star readers prove what knowledge nous they have.

Tasty trivia has been pouring in - after we launched our Nobby's Knows column with the crisp kings.

Each bag of Nobby's chunky, ridged snacks comes with a fab piece of knowledge - so we sent out the call to readers to let us know their most fascinating facts.

And you didn't disappoint, sending packets of perfect facts to satisfy any pub trivia chat.

Sending us a fact means you are entered for our great car prize draw - or you can solve our Number Cruncher for another chance to win this week's hot Honda Civic Type R - see below.

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And to make sure you

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Bust Up

If Barbie models were scaled up to real size her bust size would be a huge 39. Now you can see where Jordan got her inspiration growing up...

Good Taste?

There is a type of flea that only lives and breeds in beer mats in Germany.

Load of Bull

Bulls are colour blind - they can't see red but just get angry when you wave things in their faces. Fair enough really.

Mind Your Pints

The saying 'to mind your Ps and Qs' comes from medieval pubs when pints were served in pints and quarts. Publicans used the

phrase to quieten down rowdy drinkers.

Trivial Trivia

The word trivia comes from the Latin word 'trivium' which is a place where three roads meet. Just trivial really.

Funny Fin

They're greedy beggars - shark can grow a new set of teeth in just one week.

Knee-dless

Babies are born without knee

caps. Kids don't develop them until they reach at least two years old.

Folding Fact

Try folding a piece of paper more than seven times - it's impossible.

Plane Crazy

A jumbo jet uses a whopping 4,000 gallons of fuel to take off.

Big Eat

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Good Kicking

A bloke's thigh bones are tougher than concrete.

Head Off

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Roaring Success

Chances are you've been to one in your life - the most popular pub name in Britain is the Red Lion.

Paw Prints

Nose prints are the best way to identify a dog's identity. Getting one is trickier.

Stamp It Out

Putting a postage stamp on upside down is still a treasonable offence in Britain.

New Ears Please

The grunts of sexy tennis star Maria Sharapova are as loud as a jack hammer used to mend roads. You know which one I'd rather be standing

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- 3** IN FRANCE IT IS LEGAL TO MARRY A DEAD PERSON. **WENDY, GLOUCESTER**
- 4** THE BIC PEN WAS NAMED AFTER ITS FRENCH INVENTOR MARCEL BICH. HOWEVER THEY DECIDED TO DROP THE 'H' FROM THE NAME FEARING THAT THE AMERICAN MARKET MIGHT PRONOUNCE IT 'BITCH'. **DIANE C, ANGUS**
- 5** MALE MONKEYS GO BALD JUST LIKE MEN. NOT MANY OF THEM WEAR WIGS THOUGH. **JOHN D, BRISTOL**

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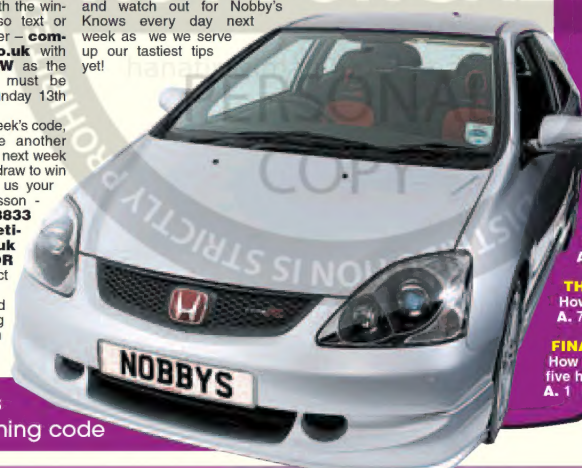
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THE BIG NUMBER CRUNCHER

MONDAY'S QUESTION

Fill in the gap. The concert that was the largest worldwide TV broadcast in history was Live _?

A. 1 B. 4 C. 8

TUESDAY'S QUESTION

Which of these numbers is given to the motorway which connects London to Leeds?

The M.?

A. 1 B. 4 C. 5

WEDNESDAY'S QUESTION

On which channel number does Big Brother appear?

A. 2 B. 4 C. 5

THURSDAY'S QUESTION

How many lives is a cat supposed to have?

A. 7 B. 8 C. 9

FINAL FRIDAY QUESTION

How many years measures exactly 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 54.5 seconds?

A. 1 B. 2 C. 3

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GIVE US A STEER

Q I'VE got £15,000 to spend on a car. I could get a new-ish Mondeo, but fancy something special. Running costs aren't really an issue, I just want something that looks classy, goes well and is comfortable for the family.

A How about some elegant luxury for Mondeo money? Try the last generation BMW 7-Series. We've seen a 2001 728i with 46,000 on the clock which had M Sport styling and communications pack for £14,990.

It's quick, refined, still has looks to impress and cost the original buyer more than £41k. This particular car was being sold under the BMW Approved Used scheme, at a dealer, for added peace of mind.

Q Is there a small car out there that doesn't cost a lot to run, is fairly cheap to buy, reliable and won't lose too much money? I have around £3,000 to spend.

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A Few cars have such a reputation for reliability and satisfaction as the Toyota Yaris. There are a few high-mileage early cars around for about £2,000, but you should find an average mileage year 2000 car for around £2,600, or perhaps even less privately.

The earliest cars only came with a 67 bhp 1.0-litre engine, while later models also offered an 85 bhp 1.3.

Higher-spec GS cars are around from private sellers for about £2,800. Racy looking 1.3 SR models start at about £3,700. There's plenty of choice so look for clean, well-maintained cars for peace of mind.

TOYOTA is quietly deleting three models whose engines are unable to meet new Euro4 emission regulations that come into force at the beginning of next year. Production of the Previa, MR2 and Celica will cease, with no current plans to replace them, confirmed Toyota UK spokesman Mike Valvo. This year, sales of the three models in the UK have amounted to 4,600 units, with Celica on 2,398, Previa 1,285 and MR2 957. Valvo said that dealers "had been aware" of the company's intention to delete these models in Europe and it left them better able to concentrate on the Avensis, RAV4 and Aygo. Well he would, wouldn't he.

DYNAMITE turbo nutters the Subaru Impreza and Mitsubishi Evo are getting rivals from Mazda. The demand for loony mobiles is so strong in the UK that Mazda's British arm is to launch a series of hot models called the Mazda Performance Series, starting in January with a 2.3-litre, 255bhp, Mazda6 turbo, which at around £25,000, is expected to sell at least 1,000 a year. That will soon be followed by an MPS version of the Mazda3.

A LACK OF CAR-ISMA: New Leon ticks all the boxes, but does so without a trace of a smile. Quite simply, it's functional without the fun



Putting down



DARK MOOD: If it's not black, it's grey

I HAVE a problem this week.

And it's simply this: how can I report on a car that does everything it's supposed to, yet leaves me completely cold.

The car in question this week is the new SEAT Leon.

You can take your pick from five engines matched to five trim choices... that's 25 different motors.

Well I'm sorry, but after driving just one of these machines I'm not really tempted to try out any of the others.

It's such a shame because I was a massive fan of the previous Leon.

Over the past six years since it was launched in Spain, in a city called (and here's a shock) Leon, I've driven quite a few differently engined models, from little up to loony, and I loved them all.

Here was a motor that looked the business, and was the business. I'll never forget walking out of a pub in Spain to find my posh newspaper

pal lying on the road. Was he drunk? No way. Just trying to take a photo of the Leon from as low down as possible.

And why not? It was a very swish and menacing looking machine.

But it wasn't just the Leon's looks that made it so good and it certainly wasn't the power, because while the top-spec 235bhp Cupra was (and still is) outrageous, the little 75bhp 1.4 was just as rewarding in its own quiet way.

Blend

So what was it that made the Leon so good that I am now forced to recommend it as a second-hand car?

Simple. It was the whole combination of steering, handling, comfort, ride, looks... I don't know, just everything, like a fine mixture of herbs and spices all simmering together in the same pot.

What a blend. That car seemed to have a soul, a spirit of its own.

And so to the new Leon. Of the three petrol engines available I drove the middle choice - the near

130 mph, 147 bhp, 2.0-litre FSI, which sits between a 100 bhp 1.6 and a 186 bhp, 140 mph, 2.0 turbo.

Like all the latest Seats it's been designed by VW legend Walter de'Silva, and while I accept that his sweeping modern looks are fantastic on a big people mover like the Seat Altea, the new Seat "family" look doesn't really work on smaller cars.

In fact, it looks more like a dwarf who's spent too much time on the weights at the gym.

The front window is huge, which I suppose is meant to give the Leon a light and spacious interior. Well it doesn't work.

In fact, getting inside this car is like entering a badly-lit cave.

It's black pretty much everywhere, and if it's not black, it's dark grey. The bottom of the front window is so far away that there's a near two-foot deep, wavy ledge of black and grey plastic stretching out in front of you.

It could have been relieved by a lidded storage box, or some cup